

Lake County commissioners get highest rating from state audit

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Lake County commissioners recently received the highest possible rating following an annual audit of government financial conditions by state Auditor Dave Yost's office.

Commissioners were given an "unqualified opinion" after the Auditor's Office conducted intensive audits of financial statements from Lake County and randomly selected policies, procedures, contracts, journals and other records.

The annual review is done to comply and to test compliance with state and federal standards.

"We are pleased, though not surprised, to know that our staff that we entrust with oversight of our finances continues to monitor each and



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every dollar to ensure compliance with the law," Commissioner Daniel P. Troy said. "This also protects our ability to fulfill our responsibilities in terms of service delivery to the citizens."

Troy said commissioners take accounting for all public dollars seriously.

"I believe this (audit) is confirmation that we all have been successful in maintaining a professional and conscientious operation," Troy said.

He said the audit reviews many of the details of the functions of government office often unseen by the

public.

"Our county employs experienced staff who are knowledgeable and thorough in scrutinizing all our transactions," Commissioner Raymond E. Sines said.

"It is our duty to manage the public purse, property and records — a vast responsibility."

Sines said the audit speaks volumes about the county's administration and leadership.

"Public officials and staff should be proud of the good job the entire Lake County team performs on a daily basis," Commissioner Robert E. Aufuldish said.